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BOOM

WOW! I BARELY HAD
ENOUGH TIME TO THROW
SERGEANT SIMIAN'S
GRENADE UP AND OUT THE
SKYLIGHT ONE MINUTE
SOONER AND EVERYONE
HERE WOULD'VE BEEN
TOAST!

GEEZ...
TALK ABOUT
GORILLA
WARFARE!





SURE, SONIC... EXCEPT FOR THAT AREA AT THE BACK OF NECK WHERE NACK (THAT NO-GOOD WEASEL) WHACKED ME!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS SALLY?

*See last issue - JFG



HOW ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE'S TAILS... ROTOR... BUNNIE... ANTOINE... AMY ROSE... ARE YOU ALL OKAY?

ONLY OUR PRIDE HAS MIST IN THAT THERE PHOENIX! SUGAR-HOG! JUST WAIT 'TILL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT WEB-GYNNIN' ARACHNIS!

DO NOT FRET, BUNNIE-- SHE IS SURE TO BE RECEIVING AN XP-COMEANCE!

*Also last ish.



THOSE CRIMINALS ARE GONNA GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO 'EM--NO WAY IS ANYBODY GONNA JUST WALTZ IN HERE AND KIDNAP A FRIEND O' MINE!

THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHAT THOSE NO-GOOD-NIKS'LL DO TO POOR NATE--THEY--



WHO CARES WHAT THEY DO TO HIM? JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE--MY HUSBAND AND I PUT OUR SWEAT AND TEARS INTO THIS JUICE BAR--

--AND NOW LOOK! IT'S COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED!



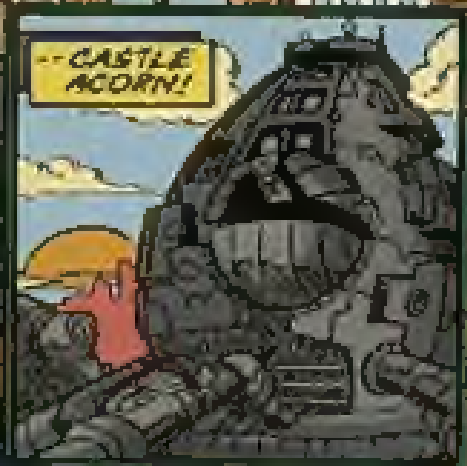
BUT IT WASN'T NATE'S FAULT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? HIS SCIENTIFIC SKILLS MAKE HIM A TOP SECRET INGREDIENT OR SOMETHIN'--EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET A HOLD OF HIM!

TELL IT TO THE SECRET SERVICE!

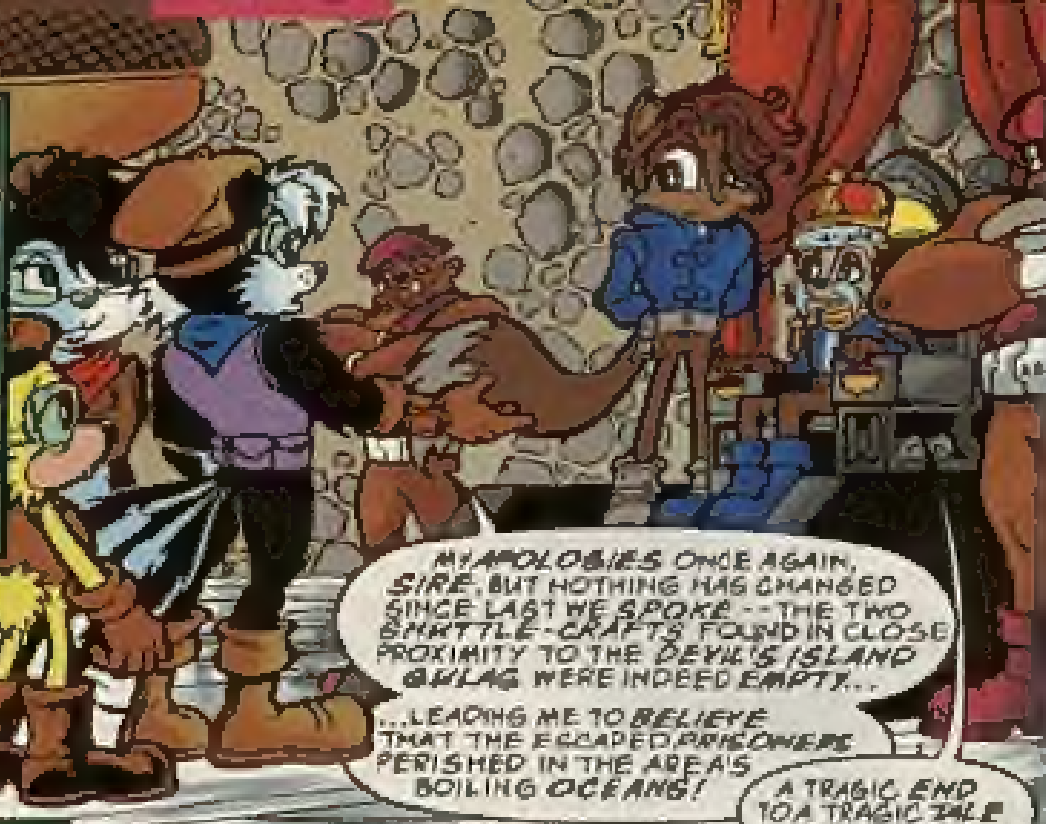


WE'LL HAVE TO DO ONE BETTER THAN THAT AND TELL YOUR DAD, SALLY!

YOU SAID IT, SONIC! NEXT STOP--



-- CASTLE MOORN!



MY APOLOGIES ONCE AGAIN, SIRE, BUT NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST WE SPOKE -- THE TWO SHUTTLE-CRAFTS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG WERE INDEED EMPTY...

...LEADING ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE ESCAPED PRISONERS PERISHED IN THE AREA'S BOILING OCEANS!

A TRAGIC END TO A TRAGIC TALE, GEOFFREY...



BAD!



SALLY--WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S NATE--HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!



K-KIDNAPPED? BY WHOM?



SNIVELY.

HE ALONG WITH MOGOS, PREDATOR HAWK, DRAGO, LIGHTNING LYNN, FLYING FROG AND JUST ABOUT ANYBODY WHO SHARED A CELL AT THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG GOT US ALL PRETTY GOOD!

*Again last issue - JFG



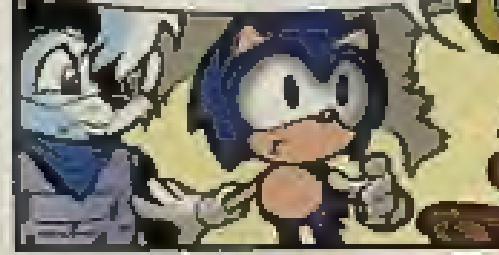
IMPOSSIBLE I SAY-- THERE IS NO WAY THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THE ATTACKERS! MY AGENTS AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THERE!

THEN THEY WERE SHAPESHIFTERS... OR EVIL-DOUBLES... OR CLONES-- WHATEVER! CAN I TALK TO SOMEBODY WITH SOME AUTHORITY AROUND HERE?

'CUZ THE GOOD SQUAD'S ON THE LOOSE AND THEY'VE GOT MY FRIEND!



BUT, SONIC, HOW COULD THE KIDNAPERS BE THE ESCAPED PRISONERS WHEN THEIR SHUTTLE-CRAFTS WERE FOUND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE GULAG? HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE MADE THE TREK BACK TO MOSOTROPOLIS IN SUCH RECORD TIME?



MAYBE I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION!

DOCTOR QUACK!

NONE OTHER... SEVERAL OF THE MALNOURISHED PRISON GUARDS, PLACED IN THE LOCK-UP BY SHIVELY'S CREW--

--HAVE REGAINED THEIR STRENGTH ENOUGH TO INFORM ME OF A THIRD MISSING SHUTTLE-CRAFT.



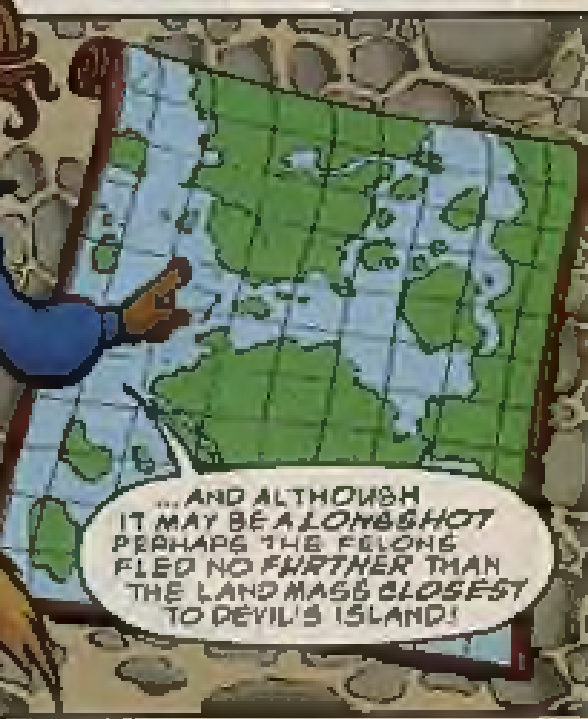
OKAY-- SO THEY'VE GOT A SET O' WINGS! THE NUMBER ONE QUESTION STILL ON MY MIND IS WHERE THOSE NO-GOODNIKS TOOK MATR!

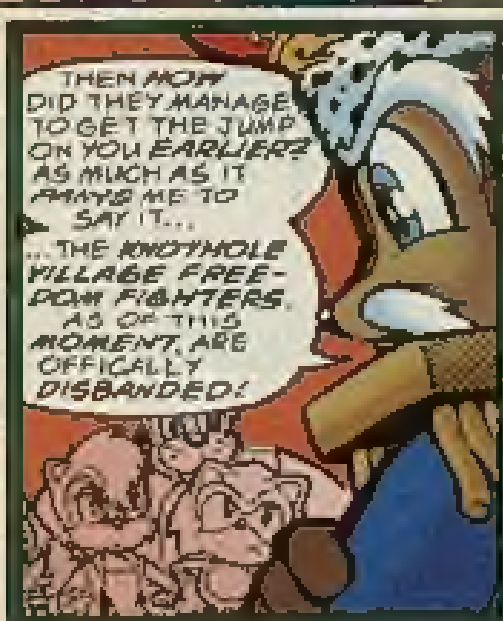
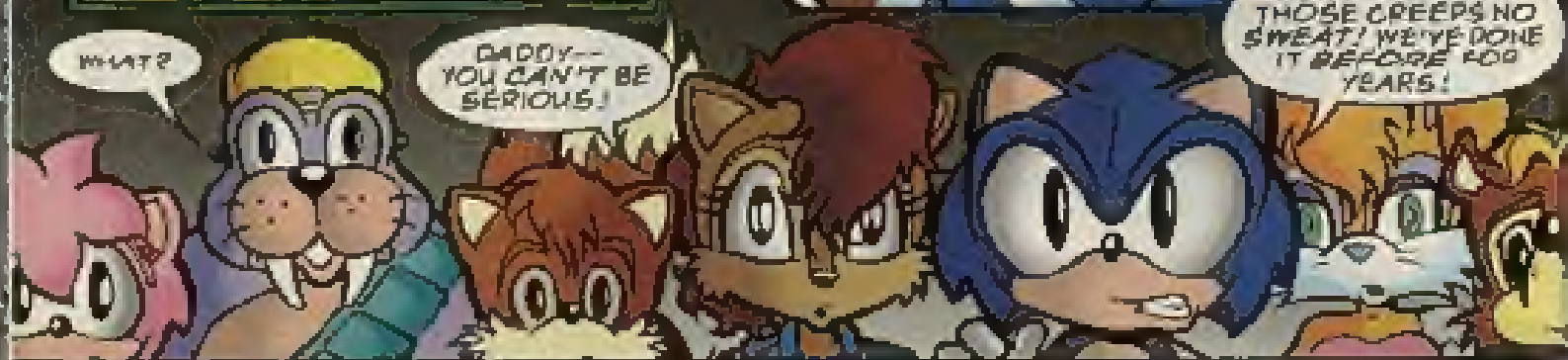
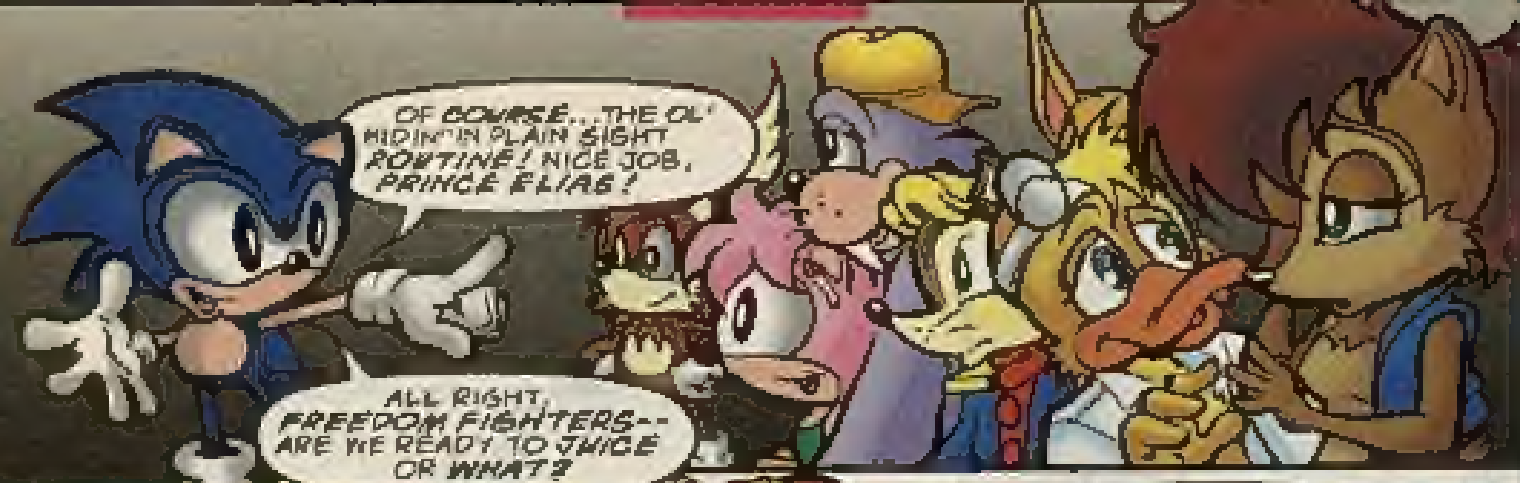


WELL... I MAY NOT HAVE A RELIABLE SOURCE LIKE THE GOOD DOCTOR BUT I DO HAVE A MAP OF THE PLANET AT MY DISPOSAL...



...AND ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE A LONG SHOT PERHAPS THE FELONE FLED NO FURTHER THAN THE LAND MASS CLOSEST TO DEVIL'S ISLAND!





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FROM THE LUKEWARM DEPTHS
OFF THE COAST OF BIG KAHUNA
ISLAND.

OKAY, AGENTS. THIS IS
OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH--
WE'LL BE FACING OFF AGAINST
SOME MIGHTY TOUGH CUS-
TOMERS AND THEY'RE
RIGHT AHEAD OF US...



IN NEST
ROBOTROPOLIS, A
CITY THAT'S BEEN
DESERTED SINCE THE
FALL OF DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK.

IT'S THE
PERFECT HIDING
PLACE FOR
SNIYELY AND
HIS BAND OF
ROGUES!

RUMOR HAS
IT THAT ROBOTNIK
WAS USING THE
CITY AND THE SUR-
ROUNDING ISLAND
AS A TESTING
GROUND FOR
EXPERIMENTS OF
A SECRET NATURE.
IT ONLY MAKES
SENSE THAT...

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HOLD THAT
THOUGHT.

AT THE RISK
OF SOUND REPUTATION
--UNT-- WHAT TOOK
YOU SO LONG?

YOU'VE
ABSOLUTELY NO
BUSINESS ON
A GEMMA
MESSAGE

IT WARE A VIOLA-
TION OF A DIRECT
ORDER FROM KING
ACORN. CAPTAIN IS
ESCAPED AND BORNERS
SAID TO BE A SEASONED
PROFESSOR OF ALL
ONLY

WHY YOU'RE
NOT A FID!

SAVE THE JOHNS. I WAS
TEEN'S REVENGE. HAD
BANDS THE KING. EYELAGE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS

SO THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE AS A
FREE
AGENT!

ELSEWHERE
NEST 2000 TROPOLIS

YOU'RE MAKING
MESSON
COMFORTABLE
FOR US MISTER
MIDWINTER

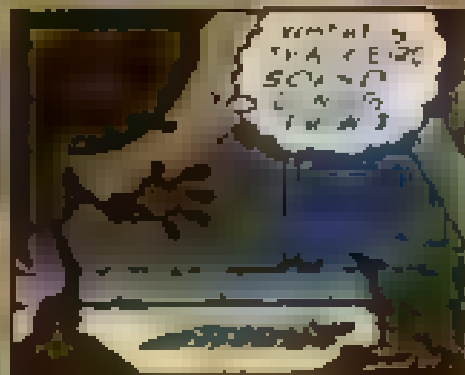
ON REALLY!

YES. I'D FEEL SO
MUCH BETTER IF YOU
WOULD AGREE TO PRO-
VIDE YOUR SERVICES TO
MY COMRADES AND ME!

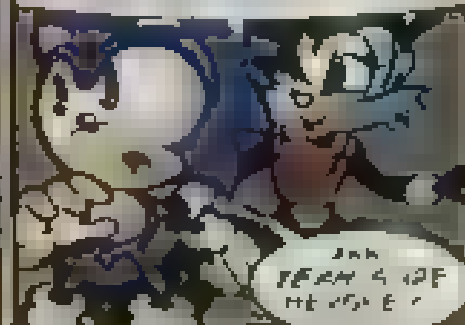
WHAT
DO YOU SAY,
HMM?

I'M TELLING YOU SON! IF YOU HOPE TO BE PART OF THIS MISSION YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE A TEAM PLAYER!

WELL, I KNOW THERE WERE ALL THE REASONS WHY WE CALLED OURSELVES THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SA'JOHN BUT MAINLY IT WAS 'CAUSE THERE WERE MORE OF THEM THAN ONE OF US



COME ON! I SNAKE A BAKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY!



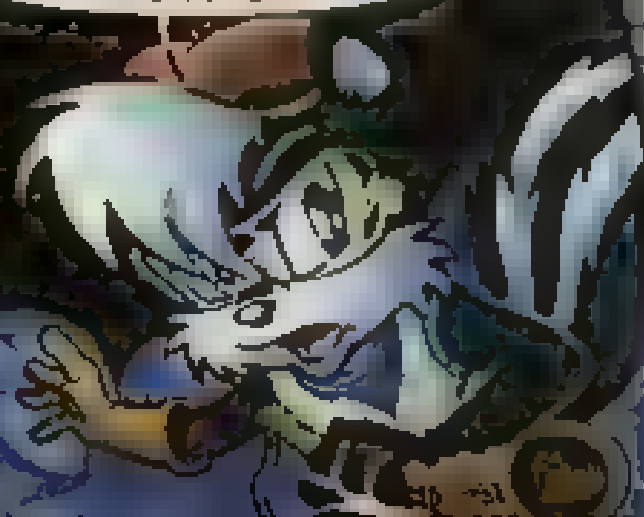
THEY'RE THE TEAM 4 OF THE 100!

MOMENTS LATER

IT'S THE SHUTTLE CRAFT AND IT'S PARKED OUTSIDE OF THE 100. AGAIN THE COURT HOUSE AND SHUTTLE MUST LIE WITH IN

ALL DOWN

400 THEN TROOPS AT 100 AND A FOUR BOUNDED 100. THESE POUCHNECKS 100. GURE CAT HAY IN THE WHITE FLAG!



ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE?

HE IS AN OVER-LANDER I DON'T MUCH LIKE OVER-LANDERS FEEL OK AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU!

THIS IS A BAD MOVE SON. IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS POOR MATE LL GRAD. HATE FROM KID-NAPY CTN TO HOSTAGE!

NOT AFTER WHAT THEY CAUSED TO BEFALL SALLY'S MUM. QUEEN ALICIA DURING THE GREAT WAR!

WHY BLAME HATE FOR THAT?

HE WASN'T EVEN AROUND FOR THE GREAT WAR. I DOUBT I'VE EVER KNOWN WHAT A GREAT WAR IS YOU DOOFUS!

*Read list on and KNUCKLES H 20 for more data & JFB

THAT DOES T

WHISH!

NO-- THIS DOES

K-TOK

YOU'LL SEE THAT I CAN GIVE 16,000 AS I GET, SONG

WE'LL THEN MAYBE T L JUST HAVE TO GIVE A LITTLE MORE, HUN?

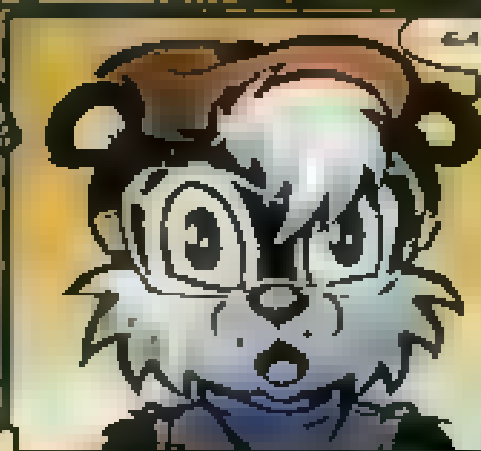
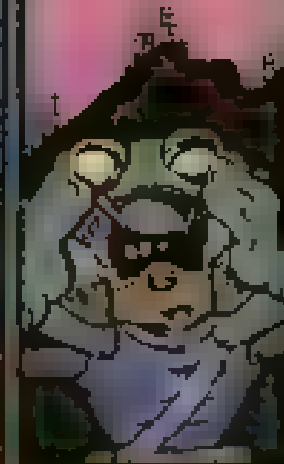
ENOUGH!

YOU ARE BOTH CAPABLE COMBATANTS AND OPPONENTS WORTHY OF EACH OTHER BUT YOU SHOULDNT BE WASTING YOUR ENERGY DOING THIS

IT WOULDNT CLEARLY JEOPARDIZES THE MISSION!

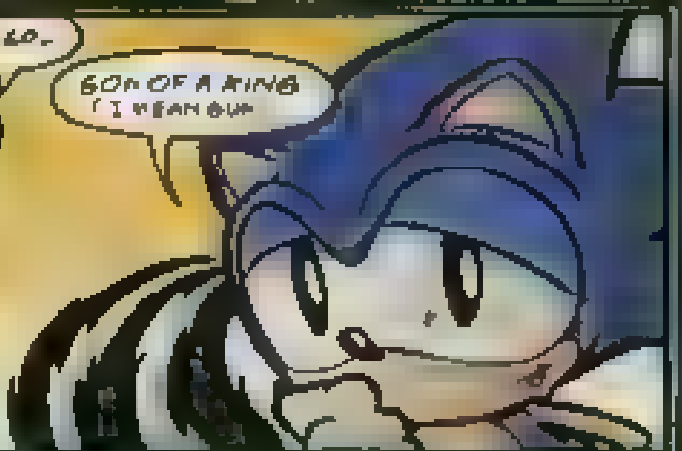
I HOLD THE HIGHEST RANK HERE SOLDIER LET ME BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!

HOW DO YOU JUDGE THIS COMMANDER?



SAYO-

SON OF A KING
I MEAN SON



INSIDE THE
COURTHOUSE

COME ON
MORGAN JOHN
US OR ELSE!

I DONT LIKE YOU
BACK WHEN YOU WERE
THE KINGDOM'S WAR-
LORD MOGS AND I
STILL DONT LIKE YOU
I CHOOSE 'OR ELSE'



OH.
WELL YOUR
LOSS!

SAY
THAT'S ACTUALLY
FUNNY



KER-RAKT

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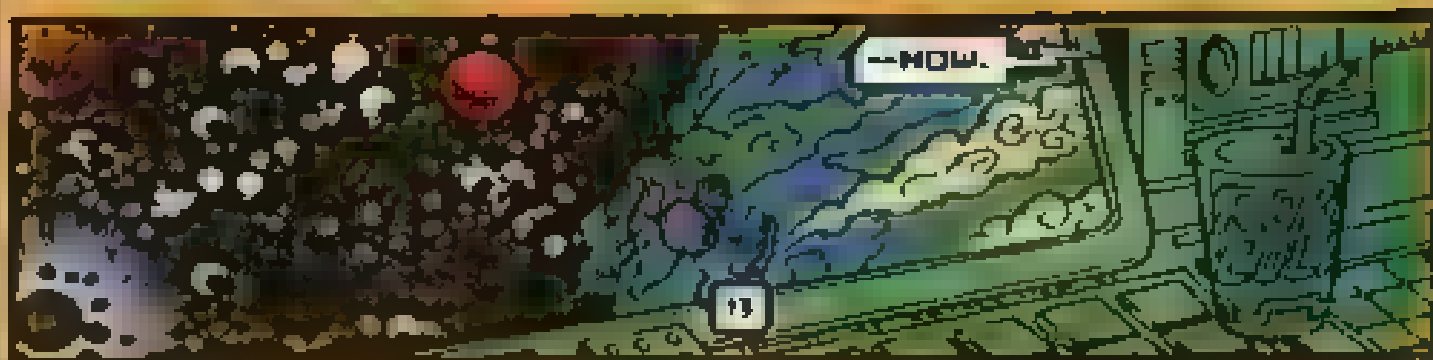
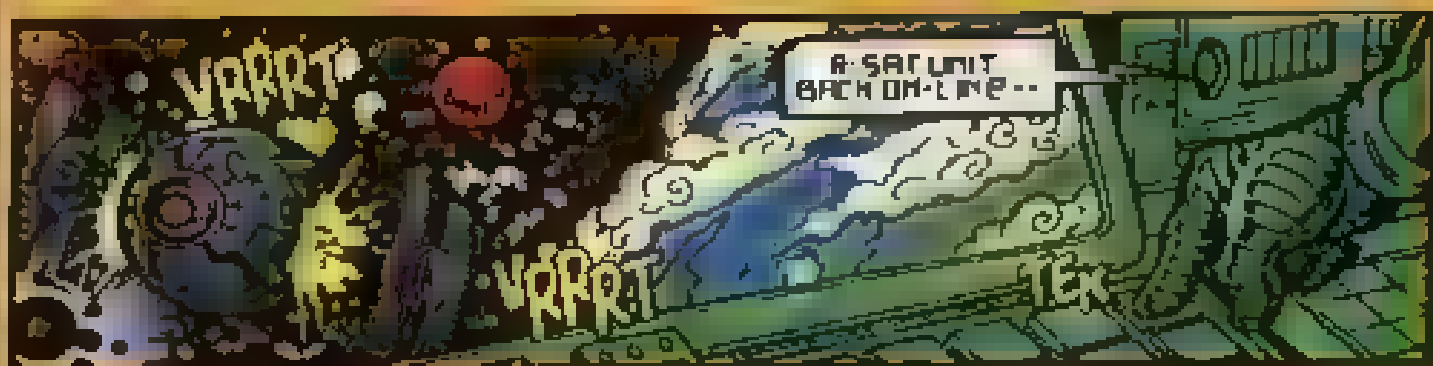
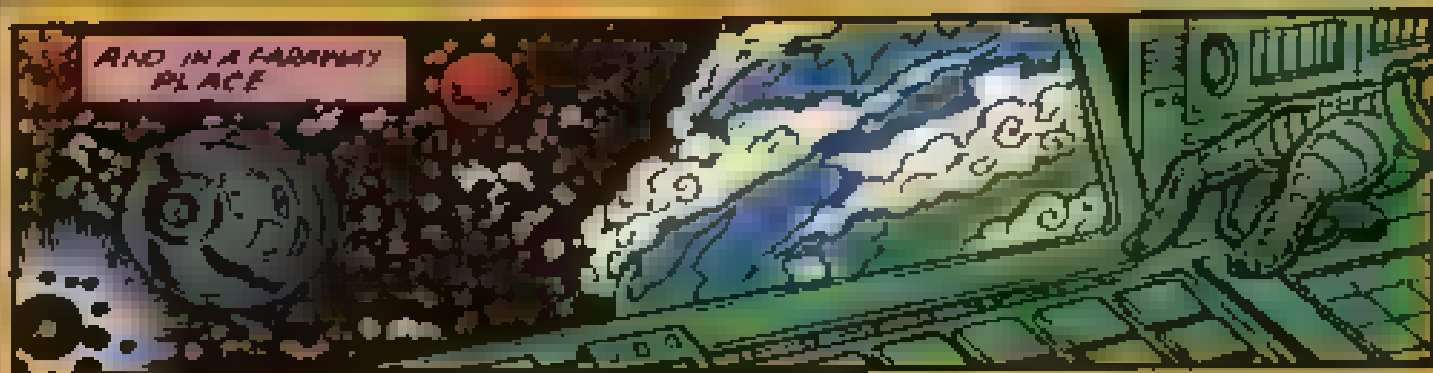
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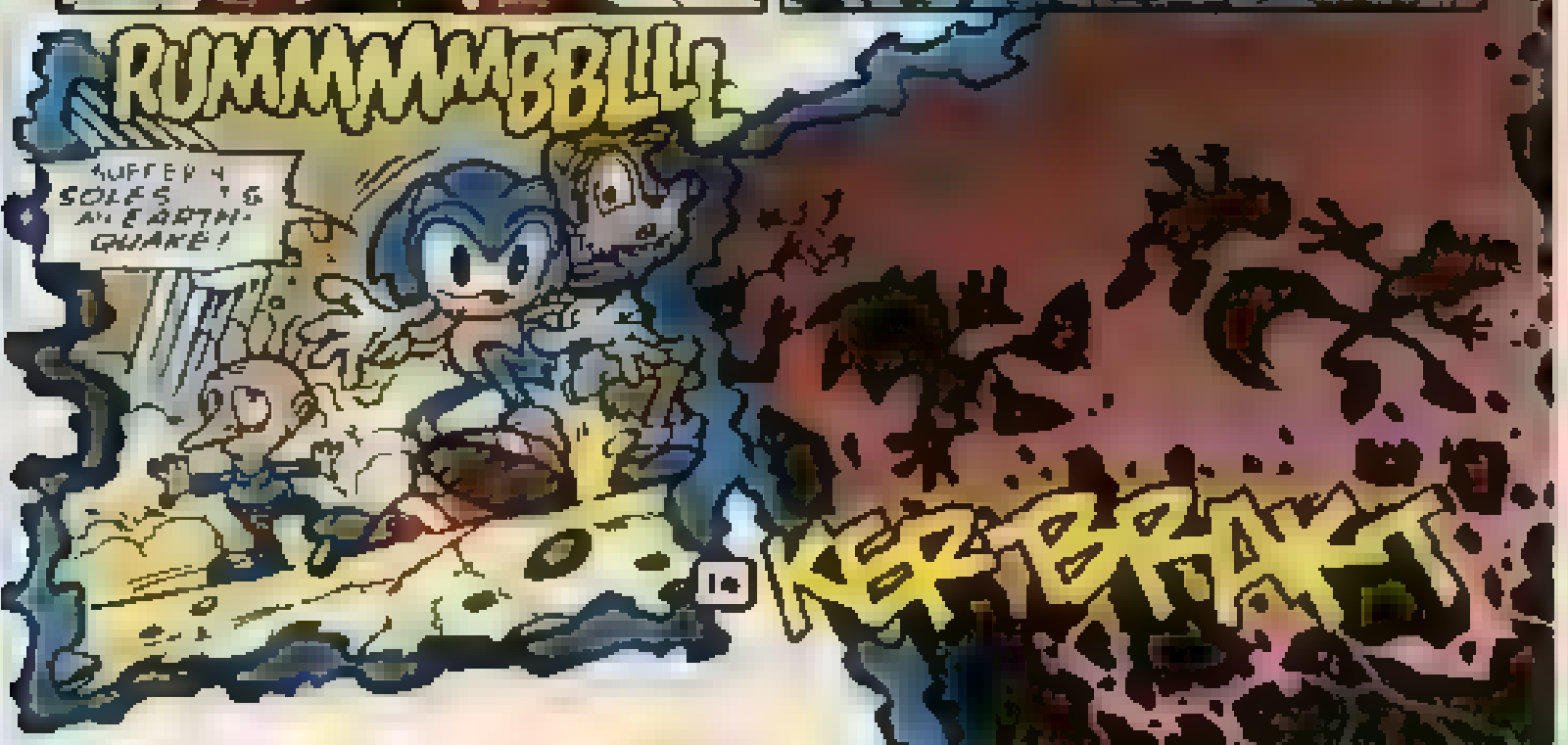
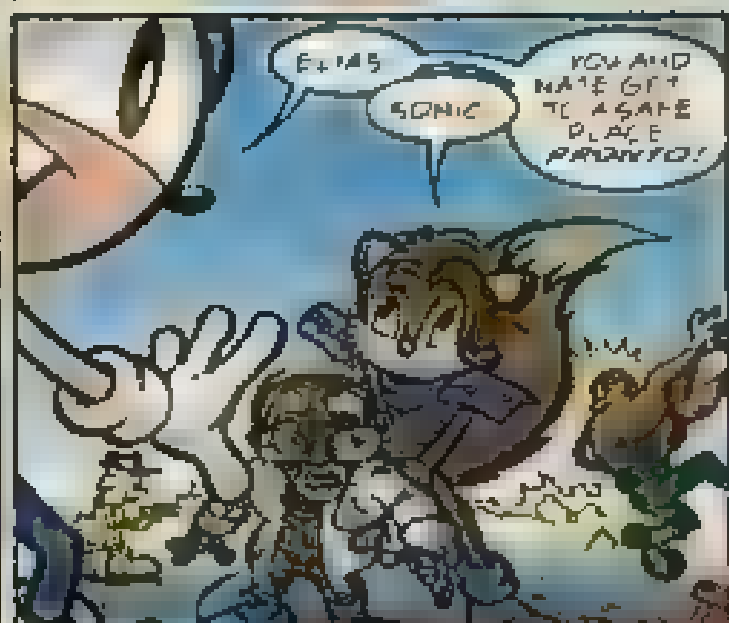
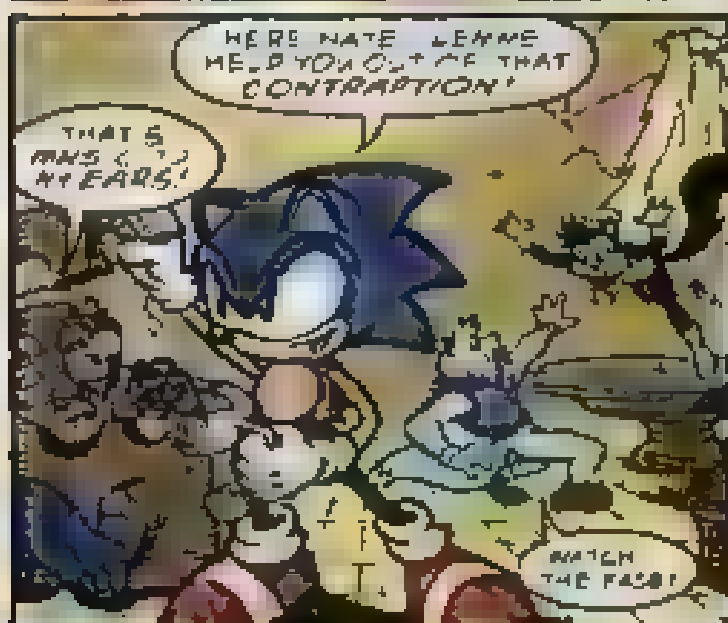
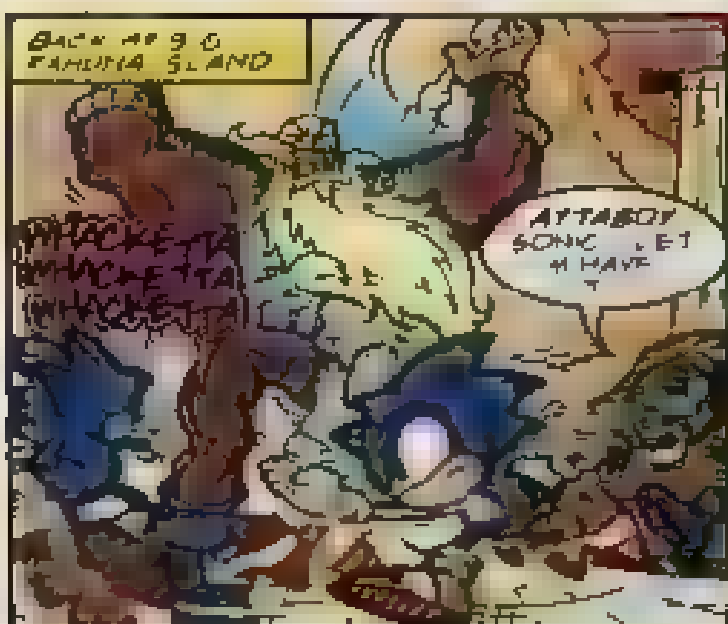
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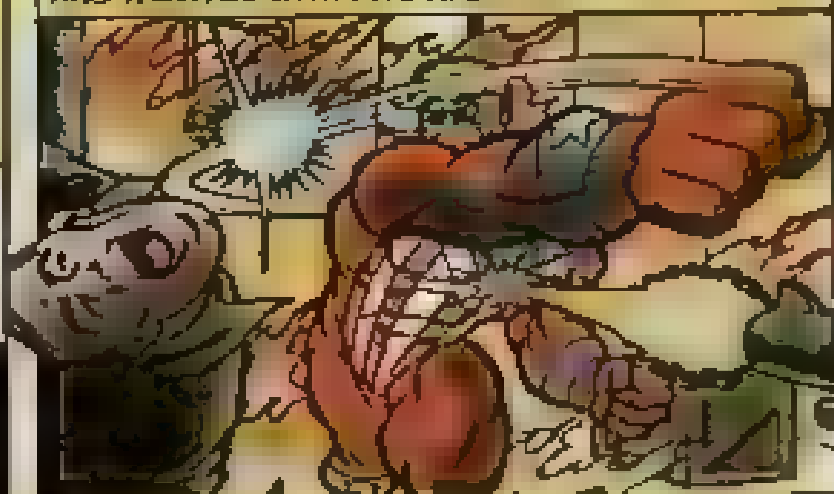


KNOW YOUR HEROES!

PRESENTING THE ORIGIN... SHIELD
BY PAUL CASTIGLIA, JIM TALENTINO & SCOTT PERDUE

IT ALL BEGAN DURING WORLD WAR TWO WHEN FREEDOM LOVING PATRIOTS EVERYWHERE LONGED FOR A NOBLE AND TRUE HERO TO FIGHT IT OUT IN ITS DARKEST DAYS. HERE IN A TOP SECRET MILITARY BASE, A YOUNG G-MAN AND SCIENTIST IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON THE ADVENTURE OF HIS LIFE TIME.

THE SUIT WAS INDDED EXTRAORDINARY BEYOND BEING BULLET PROOF AND FIRE PROOF, IT WAS TREATED WITH AN EXPERIMENTAL ALLOY.



THIS ALLOWED THE ALREADY ATHLETIC HIGGINS TO PERFORM AMAZING FEATS OF STRENGTH! THE SHIELD WAS FAITHFUL TO HIS DUTY!

JOE HIGGINS, BECAUSE OF YOUR LIFELONG REPLICATION, TO YOUR FELLOW MAN, YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT SHIELD!

ONE PROBLEM WROTE: NO LUCKY RAY OUT, AS ARCH VILLAIN, THE ERASER TOOK HIM BY SURPRISE.

MY PLOT WAS SUCCESSFUL, SHIELD! YOU'LL HAVE NO TIME TO DEPOSE MY RAYS!



AND THE ERASER WAS RIGHT HIS RAYS DEBILITATED AND SUCCESSFULLY ENDED THE SHIELD'S CAREER... OR DID IT?

WITHIN THIS GARMENT LIES THE UNIFORM WHICH WILL TRANSFORM YOU FROM AN ORDINARY MAN TO AN EXTRAORDINARY ONE!

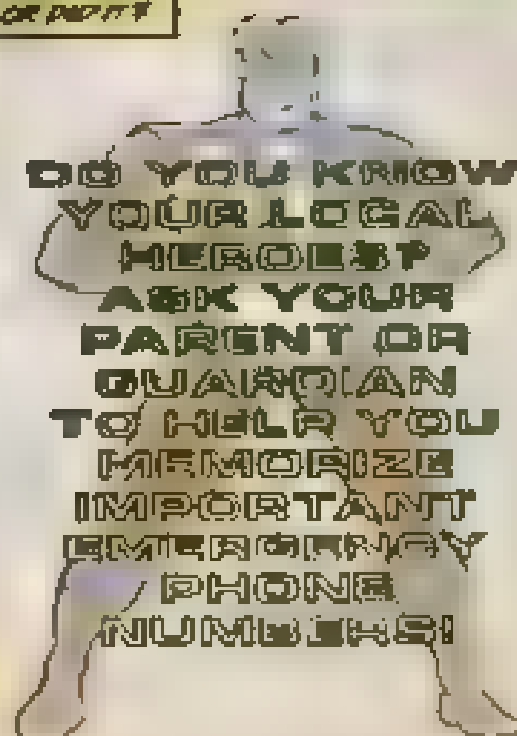


THE SHIELD'S SON, JOE HIGGINS JR., DREAMS OF THE DAY HE CAN CARRY ON HIS FATHER'S CREATIVE

BY COMBINING MY FATHER'S ANATOMICAL FORMULA WITH THIS CATALYTIC AGENT I'VE DEVELOPED, I CAN EXPAND UPON THE POWERS OF MY FATHER'S UNIFORM -- AND BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN HE ORIGINAL SHIELD!

AND SO, THE LEGACY OF DEMOCRACY'S GREATEST CHAMPION LIVES ON FOR WHOEVER KEEPS IT THREATENED, OPPRESSORS MUST FACE THE POWER OF... THE SHIELD!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOCAL HEROES?
ASK YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO HELP YOU MEMORIZE IMPORTANT EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS!



IT LIES UNTOUCHED
BENEATH THE FLOOD
OF THE OCEAN
THAT ADAPTIVE
MULTI-PARTIMATE

SWIMY
VIBEY

AND MOST
OF ALL

... DEADLY

NO!
SONIC
WAIT! EASE
UP! LEAVE
ME ALONE!

THAT CREATURE'S
NOT A TANT
IN A RANDOM
FIGHT! IT'S A
NO-BLOCKED-UP!

ALSO
CLUTCHES ONE OF
OUR COMPANIONS!

BUT SHE'S
LOOK!

3 2 1

BOOM

WHAT THE
HECK HAPPENED
TO EM?

THEY'RE GONE--
EXPLODED! THE POOR
LITTLE GUYB. EW
HIS TOP!

NOT TO
WORRY,
SONIC--

BOMB CAN TAKE
A LICKIN' AND STILL
KEEP ON TICKIN'!

WYMOAH-- THERE'S MORE
THAN ONE OF HIM! HE'S
OKAY! NOW THAT'S WHAT I
CALL A BOMB!!

AND

ALL RIGHT THEN,
LET'S GET THE CHIEFS
ON THESE BLOKES AND
READY THEM FOR TRANS-
PORT BACK TO GULAG
ISLAND.

WELL, EVEN
THOUGH SOME
OF 'EM ARE
BUNCH HAVE
ESCAPED
AND THE
CONFUSION.

THE OVERALL MISSION
HAS BEEN A SMASHING
SUCCESS!

I GUESS I
MAY AFTER
ALL SAY,
ST. JOHN I'VE
GOT AN ADDED
TROPHY FOR
YOU TO TAKE
TO THE GULAG--
NONE OTHER
THAN THE
SCORGE OF
DOWNHILL
OL' CROC-
BOT
HIMSELF!

CROC
BOT?!
WHERE
IS HE?

DON'T SWEAT IT--I'VE
GOT HIS ROBOTIC REMAINS
STORED IN ME!

Read on! Get the full scoop.



OUCH
THAT'S GOT
TO HURT!

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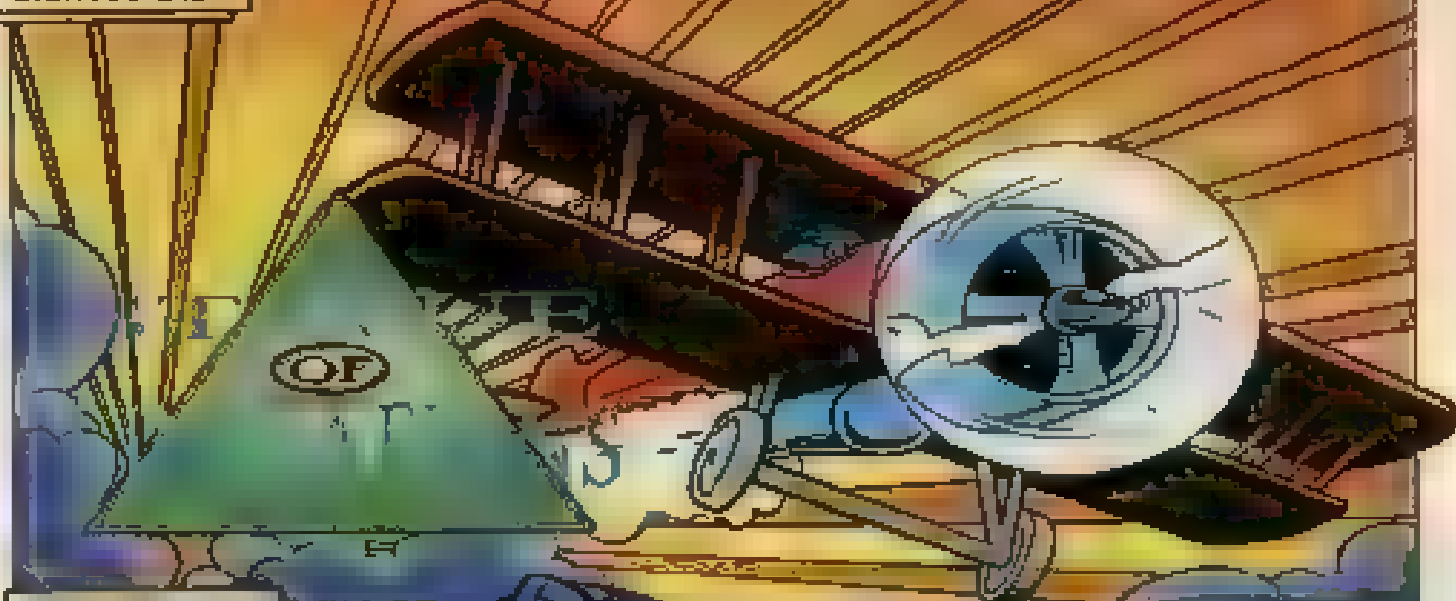
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NIGHTMARE
OVER AND OVER

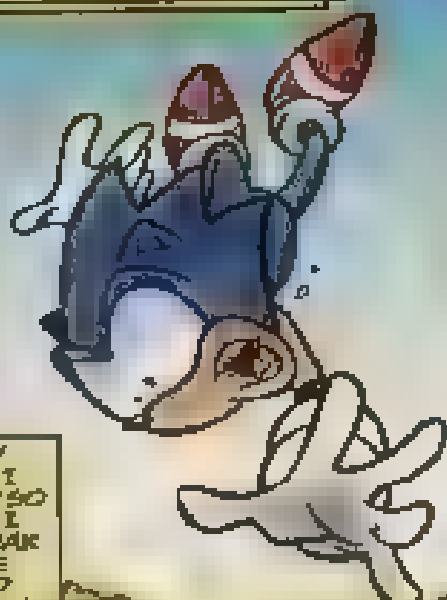


I AM FLYING OVER
SANDCASTLE CITY
WHEN, SUDDENLY,
MY BIPLANE
DISINTEGRATES
LOCK, STOCK, AND
BARREL

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I PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET
STILL... FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE HOURS

AFTER 2 LONG HOURS, THEN THE
CLOUDS CLEAR AND I SEE IT
BELOW ME: THE STATUE



THE VERY
MONUMENT I
SHATTERED SO
TALLS AND I
COULD BREAK
THE FORCE
FIELD AND
ESCAPE OUR
CAPTORS. *

SEE NOTE BACK IN
ISSUE #63 JFG.

IT'S LAUGHING
AT ME

THE CRUDDY
PIECE OF
CONCRETE IS
CACKLING
AWAY—

MOCKING ME, DEGRADING ME, MAKING
ME QUESTION MY VERY EXISTENCE AS
I FACE ITS Gaping Maw

THEN I WAKE UP IN A POOL OF SWEAT HEART POUNDING AND COMPLETELY DISHEVELLED



I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DREAM MEANS BUT I WANT IT TO END

PROBLEM IS, SOMETHING HOLDS ME BACK. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I WAKE UP AT THE SAME POINT IN THE DREAM...



I NEVER MAKE IT INTO THE MOUTH OF THE STATUE. AS IF I'M AFRAID OF WHAT I'LL FIND ON THE OTHER SIDE...

SEE, IT'S BEEN ME ALL ALONG BUT TONIGHT, I'M NOT GOING TO LET "ME" HOLD MYSELF BACK TONIGHT. I FIND OUT HOW THE DREAM ENDS



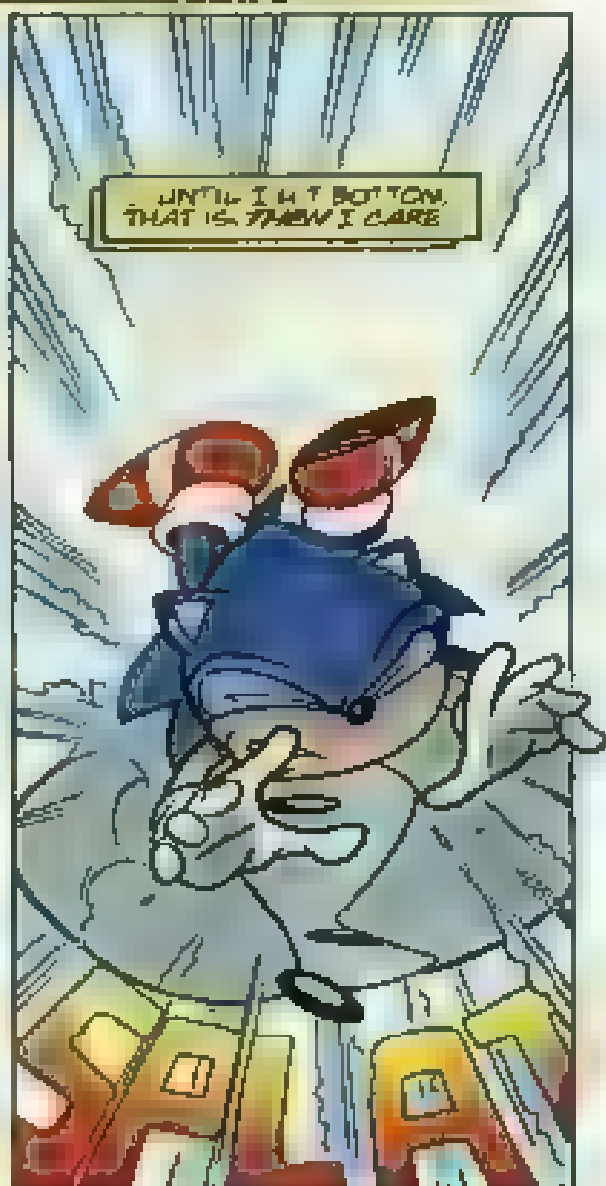
THAT'S RIGHT- I'M GOING IN. MIGHT BE THE BREAKTHROUGH I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR OR MAYBE I'M JUST LITERALLY DIVING INTO THE MOUTH OF MADNESS...

WHAT A RUSH

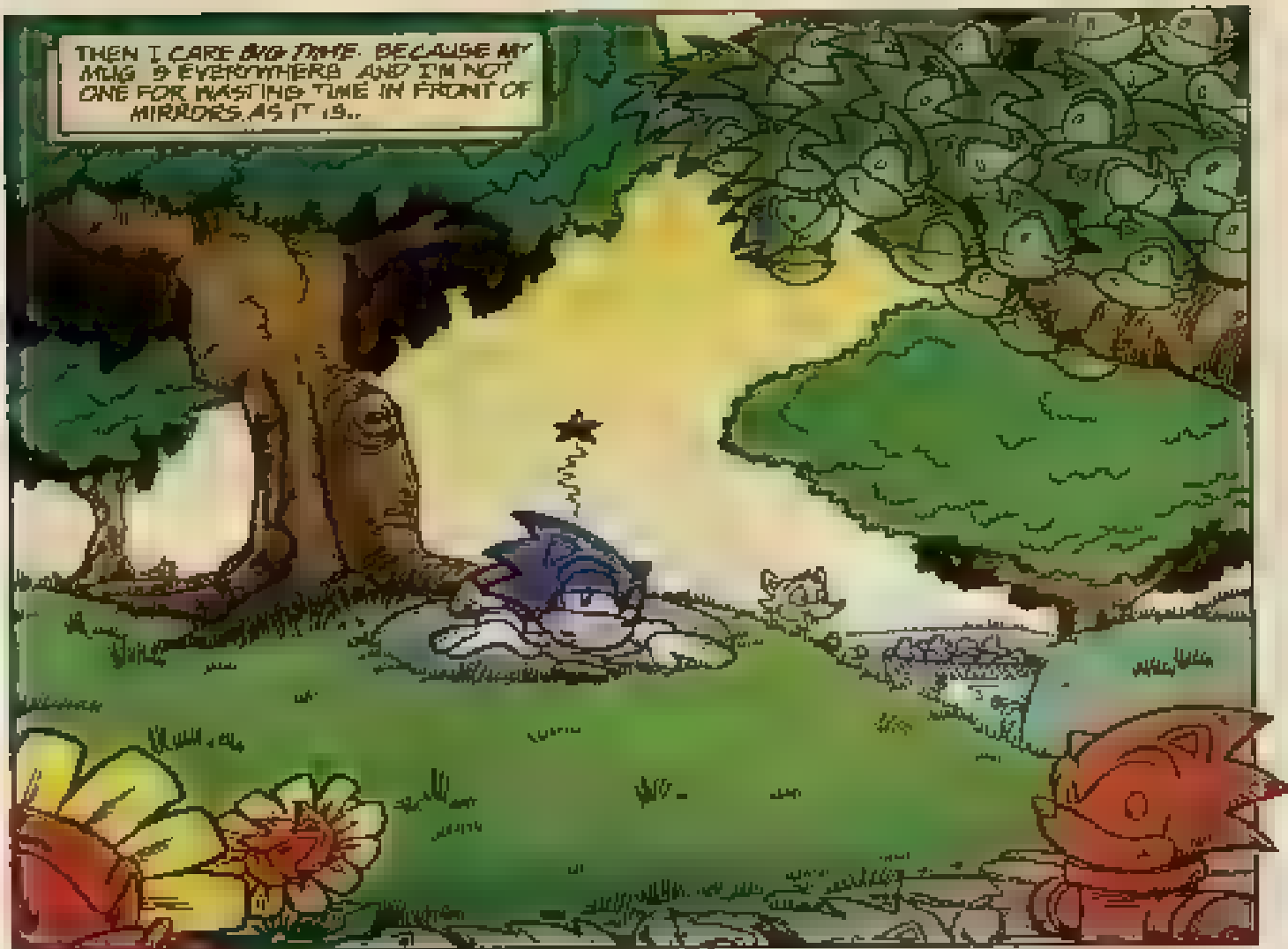


I'VE TAKEN THE PLUNGE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M HEADED AND I DON'T CARE

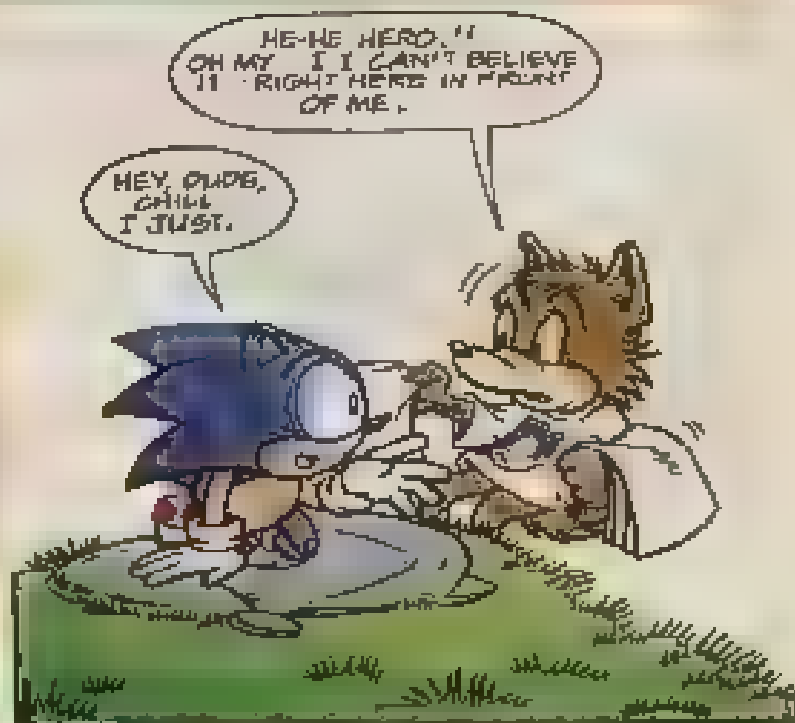
UNTIL I HIT BOTTOM, THAT IS, THEN I CARE



THEN I CARE AND TIME. BECAUSE MY
MUG IS EVERYWHERE AND I'M NOT
ONE FOR WASTING TIME IN FRONT OF
MIRRORS AS IT IS..

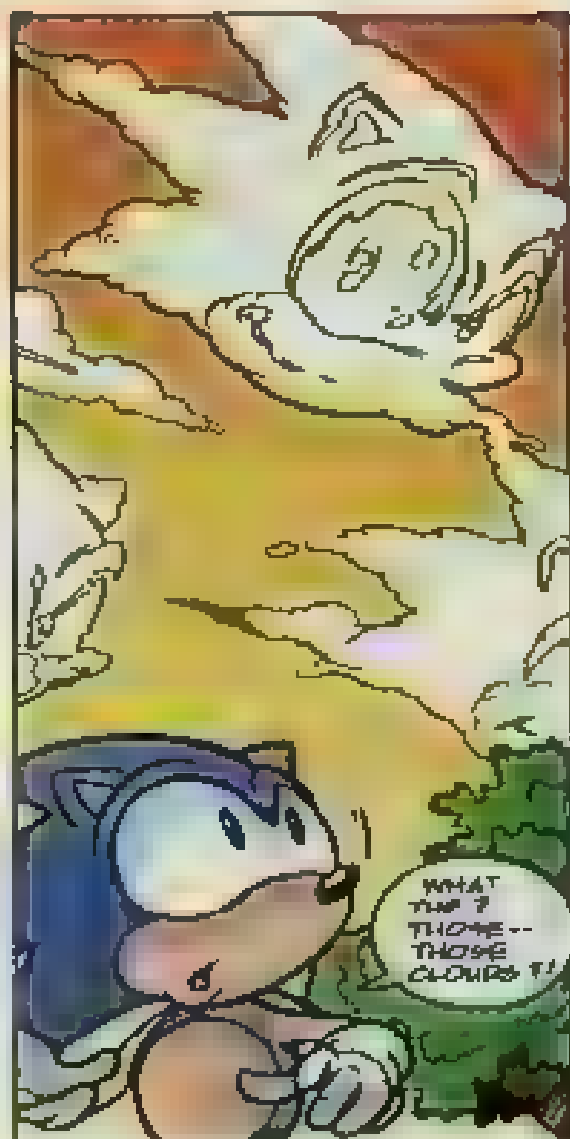


HEY, MISTAK-
YOU'RE NOT
WEARING A
T-SHIRT YA NEED
A SONIC T-SHIRT.
LET ME OUTFIT
YA WITH ONE.
YA GOTTA
PAY HOMAGE
TO OUR...



HE-HE HERO!!
OH MY I I CAN'T BELIEVE
I I RIGHT HERE IN FRONT
OF ME.

HEY DUDE,
CHILL
I JUST.



WHAT
THAT?
THOSE--
THOSE
CLOUDS?!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE. WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?
TELL ME!
TELL ME!

TELL ME!

HEY
SONIC, MAN.
RELAX. IT'S
JUST
DUMBOSHI. I
STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S
YOU.



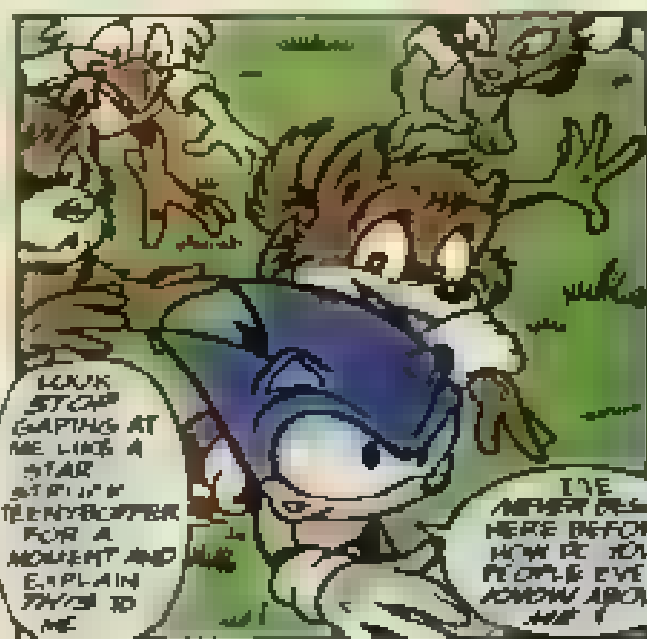
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE. THE
PREDICTIONS WERE RIGHT--IT
WASN'T JUST LEGEND.

YOU ARE THE
HERO OF ALL HEROES--
TO BE ELEVATED
ABOVE ALL!

ARE I ABOVE
ALL HEROES? BUT
REALLY, THERE'S SO
MANY OTHERS MORE
WORTHY.

A TRUE
PREMIUM FIGHTER.
NOT JUST A WARRIOR,
BUT A WARRIOR AS
WELL!

PLEASE, YOUR
BLUE ALLIANCE,
MAY I BE
ADMITTED WITH
YOUR AUTOGRAPH
MR. S.



LOOK
STOP
GAPING AT
ME LIKE A
STAR
STRUCK
TEENAGER
FOR A
MOMENT AND
EXPLAIN
THIS TO ME

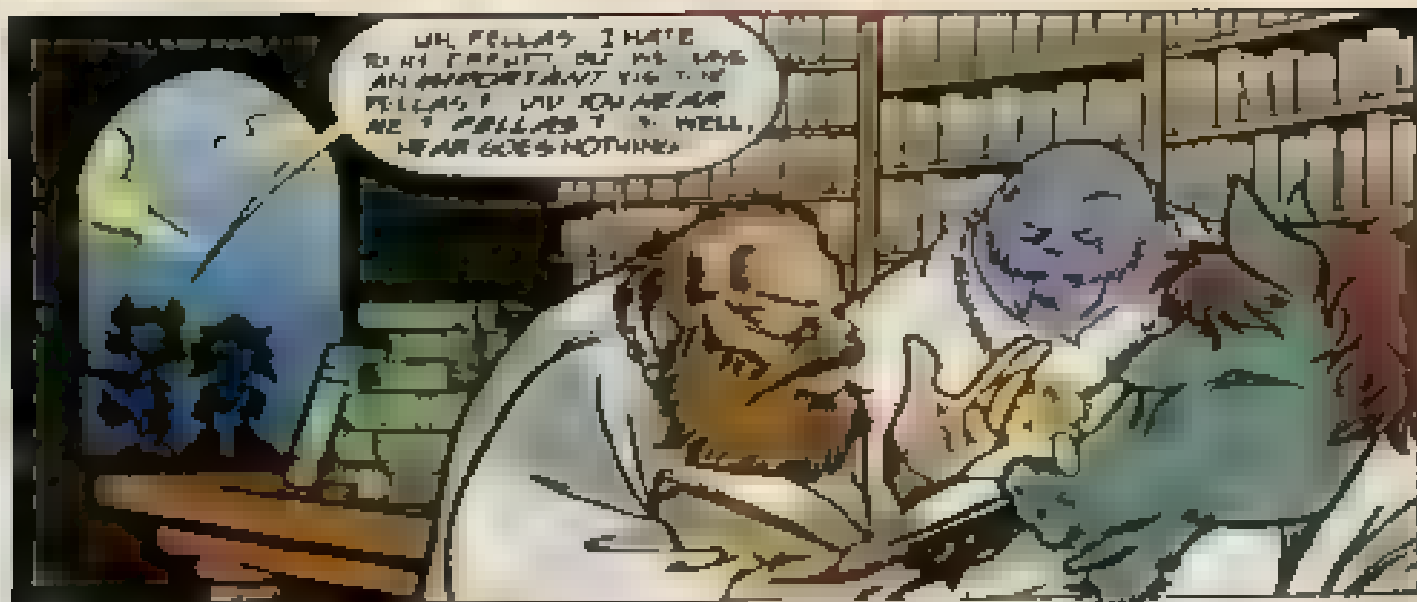
I'VE
NEVER BEEN
HERE BEFORE
HOW DO YOU
PEOPLE EVEN
KNOW ABOUT
ME?



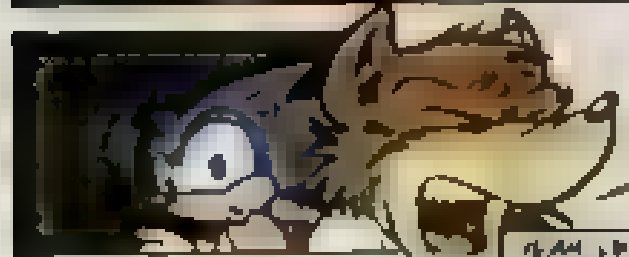
YOUR ADVENTURES THEY'RE
LEGENDARY THEY'VE ALL
BEEN CHRONICLED.

BY THE
SONIC ADVENTURE
ARCHIVISTS!
STEP INSIDE.

CAN'T I JUST TAKE
THE CONSOLATION PRIZE
BEHIND THE NECKER TREE?



UH, FELLAS, I HAVE
TO BE FRANK, BUT WE HAVE
AN IMPORTANT YET THE
FELLAS? UH, YOU HEAR
ME? FELLAS? UH, WELL,
HEAR GOES NOTHING.



**SOME THE
KEDGENDOS
IS HERE!!**

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, WE ARE
THE SLAVEY MEN OF THE
KEDGENDOS IN THE ADVENTURES
OF ADVENTURE.

WE HAVE THEM ALL
FATAL, ALL OF THEM, BUT WE
CANNOT GET THEM TO
MAKE SURE THERE'S NOTHING
WE WISHED THEY CAN GET
PRETTY DEAR.



TEAM KEDGENDOS
HEAR THE AFTERMATH
THE THOUSANDS WE OFTEN
DROPPED ON THE ADVENTURES
OF YOUR ADVENTURES.

TEAM, WE MAY NOT BE THE
ONLY ADVENTURE, BUT WE ARE
TOGETHER, NOT ABOUT I DON'T
GET IT, BUT WE SHOULD
SHOULD BE TOGETHER.

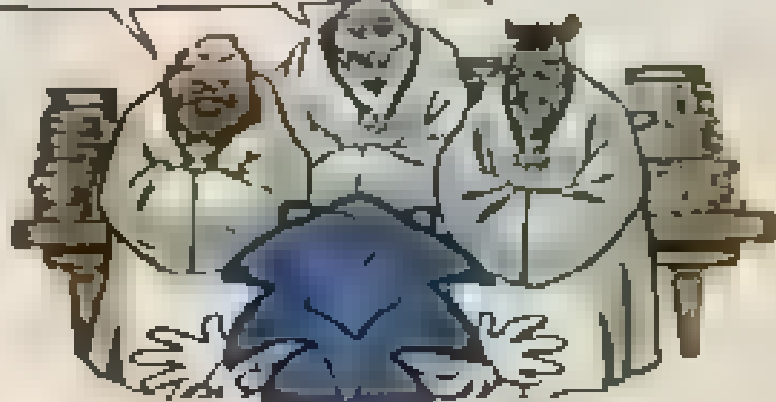
I DON'T BUY THE WAY WHERE YOU
TRY TO SALLY THE MEN, BUT A
S.M. THE PROBLEM OF THE FREEDOM
FIGHTING CAUSE AS A MATTER.

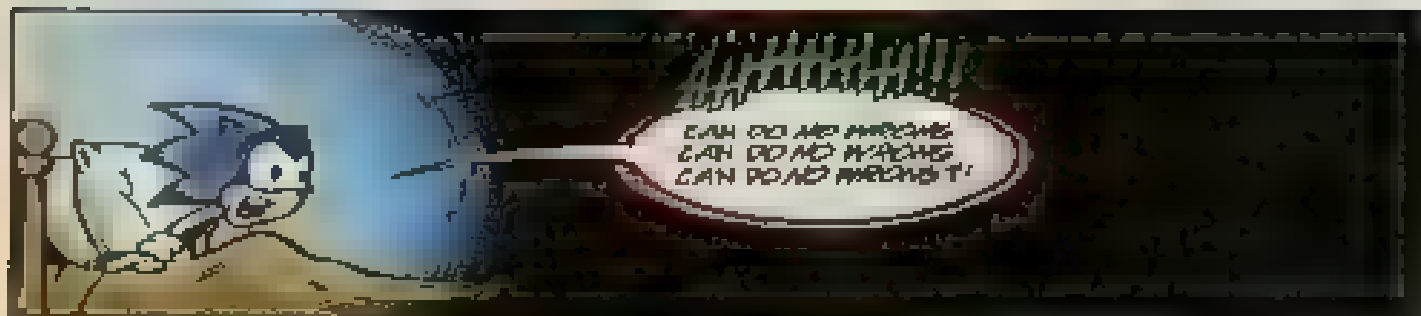
QUIET
CALLY AT
NOW ANYONE
FEEL?



THEY CAN
A LITTLE MORE!
ONLY WE HAVE
EXTENDED!

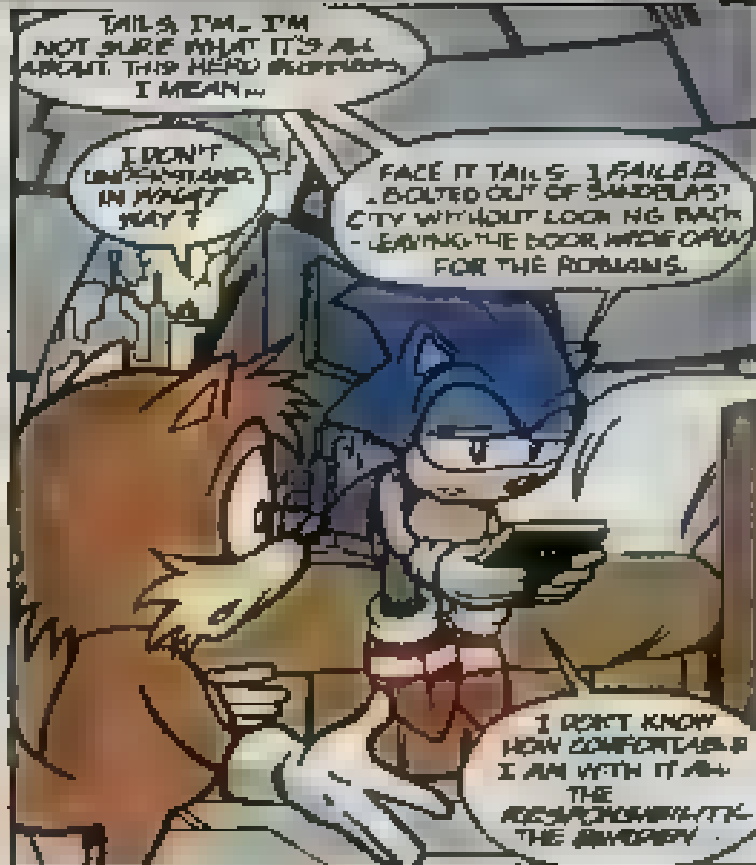
BUT WE DO HAVE ON OUR
THING, WE ARE THE ONLY
MATTER WHAT WE HAVE, WE
CAN DO NO MORE!





TAILS, I'M
SO SORRY YOU
CAME OVER

OF COURSE,
BUT DON'T
MENTION IT. THAT'S
NICE OF YOU

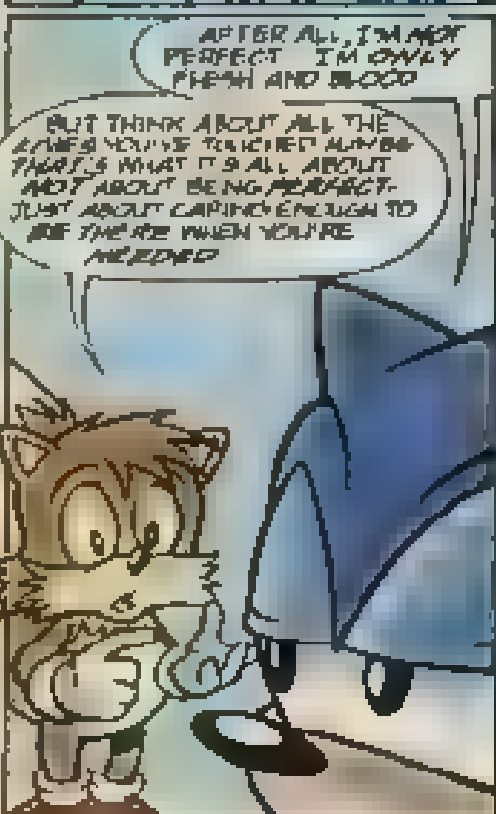


TAILS, I'M... I'M
NOT SURE WHAT IT'S ALL
ABOUT. THIS HERO BUSINESS,
I MEAN...

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
IN WHAT
WAY?

FACE IT TAILS, I FAILED.
I BOLTED OUT OF SADDLEBAST
CITY WITHOUT LOOKING BACK -
LEAVING THE DOOR WIDE OPEN
FOR THE ROMANS.

I DON'T KNOW
HOW COMFORTABLE
I AM WITH IT ALL
THE
RESPONSIBILITY
THE BURDEN



AFTER ALL, I'M NOT
PERFECT. I'M ONLY
FLESH AND BLOOD

BUT THINK ABOUT ALL THE
LIVES YOU'VE TOUCHED. ALWAYS
THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.
NOT ABOUT BEING PERFECT.
JUST ABOUT CARING ENOUGH TO
BE THERE WHEN YOU'RE
NEEDED

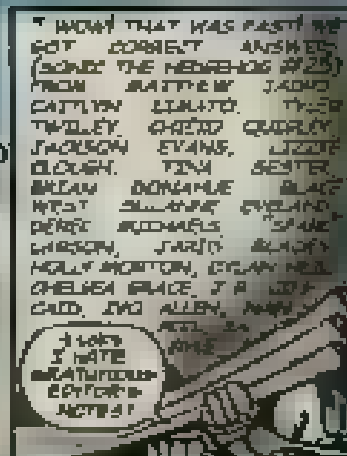
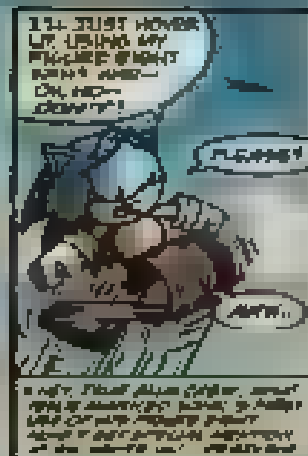
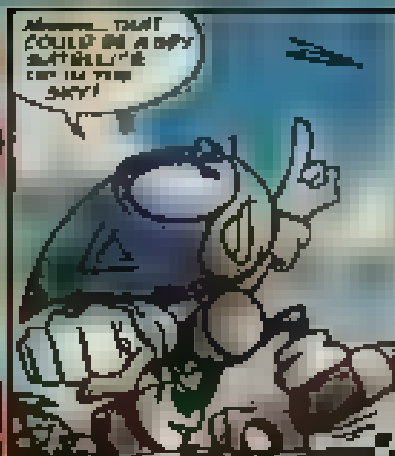


HELLO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO
GO. I DON'T KNOW WHO TO
CALL. MY HERO, MY BROTHER,
AND MY BEST FRIEND
ROLLED INTO ME. IT'S
NOT ALL BLACK
AND WHITE!

SINCE YOU PUT
IT THAT WAY, TAILS,
MAYBE I CAN BE USED
TO BRING BACK

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END

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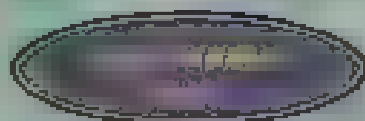
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by Gallagher & Manak

THIS JUST IN?

What's up, Hog & Knux fans? As you know, we get a lot of mail (and I do mean A LOT!) in the Sonic and Knuckles offices every day. I'm not just talking about snail mail either, we receive hundreds of e-mails as well. Most talk about their interest in the book and what's going on in recent issues. Others ask so many questions, it can make your head spin right off like a top. And still many others discuss their collection and how to complete it by searching for the missing issues. The ones I want to discuss in this editorial are the ones for many of our freelance talent. There are many fans who want to write directly to them, specifically to the writers and artists who make our favorite characters come to life. Well, if you are one of those fans, here's how to do it. All you have to do is mail it to us, and we will gladly forward it to whomever you want to write to. Just simply send your letters to:

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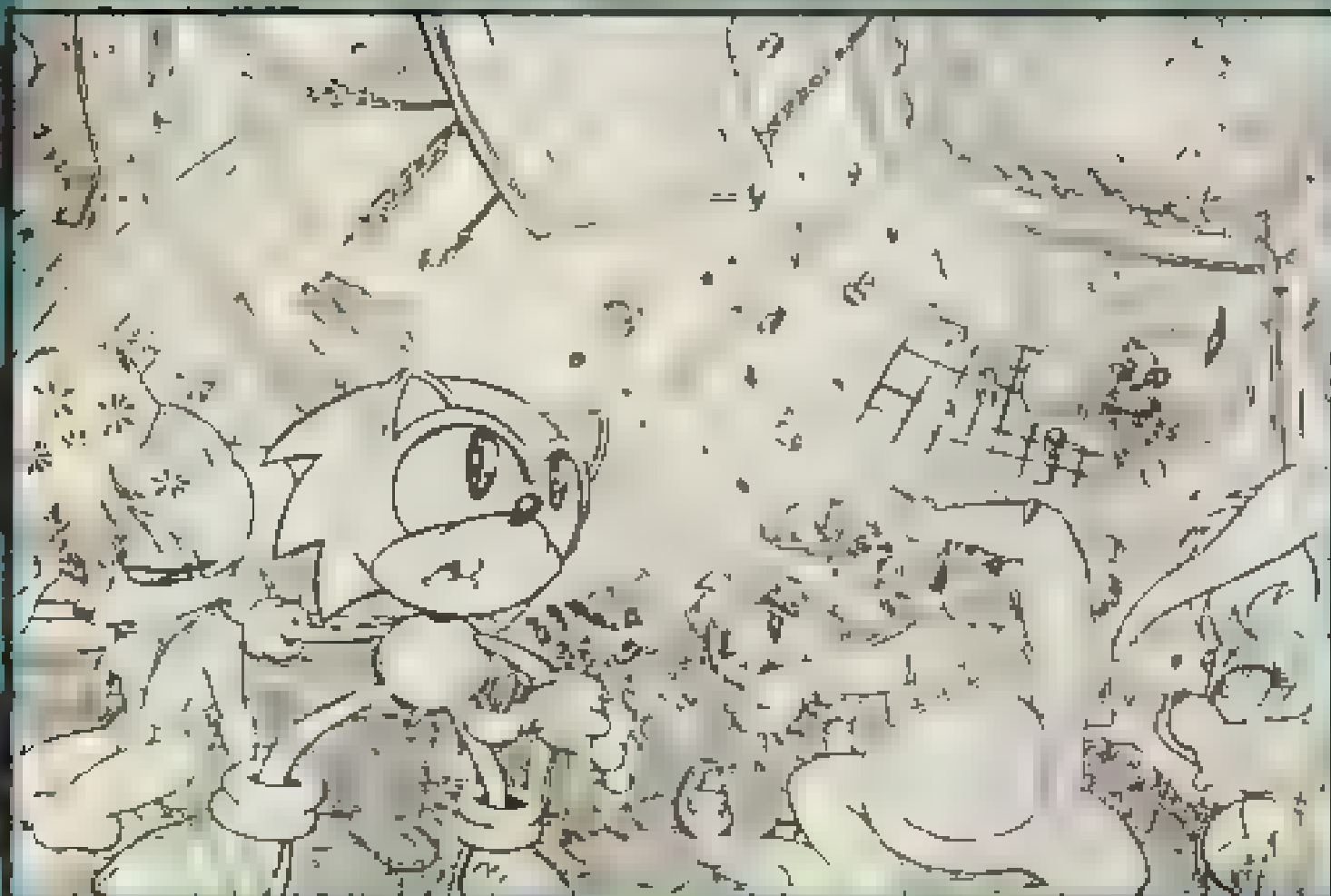
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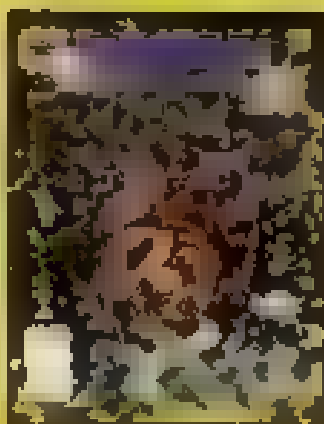
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We interrupt this regularly scheduled letters page to bring you a bonus feature not normally seen. (The following is a double spread of the explosion scene after the first page. Unfortunately, there was one page too many for this month to support, so the decision was made to make this page into a splash instead. We just thought you might like to see what the page would've looked like had we had the room in its original penciled form. Enjoy!) We will now return you to this month's letters page already in progress which will make its appearance next month...



COMING ATTRACTIONS

In our next: *Knuckles is chained! The Brotherhood captured! Raven is under control! The Dark Legion! Has everyone on The Floating Island gone mad? And all this is happening on the eve of elections, when the stakes are at their highest. Control is our happy power! Check out the catchlines to the "Dark Alliance" story arc written by Ken Penders with guest art by Jon Valentine and Harold*



Next Month: We've billed it as the strongest issue of Sonic you will ever read! Why? It could be because it's a completely backwards issue. It has a lot to do with Knothead Village being in danger because it's three hours ahead just wait 'til you see what happens when Sonic tries to save it. Story by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Elford. Also Tails and Amy visit the library by Ken Penders, Art Plachinsky and Jon Amodeo!

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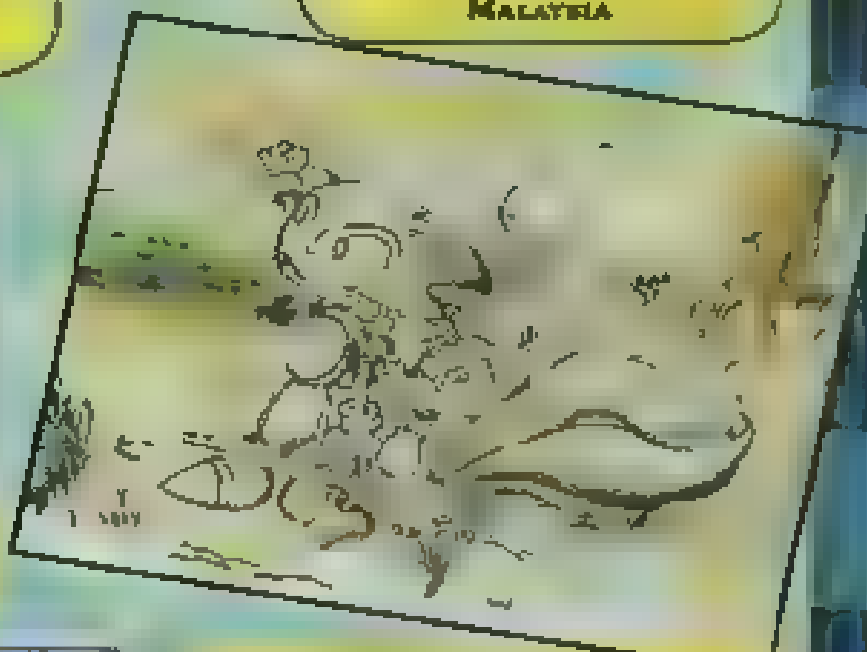
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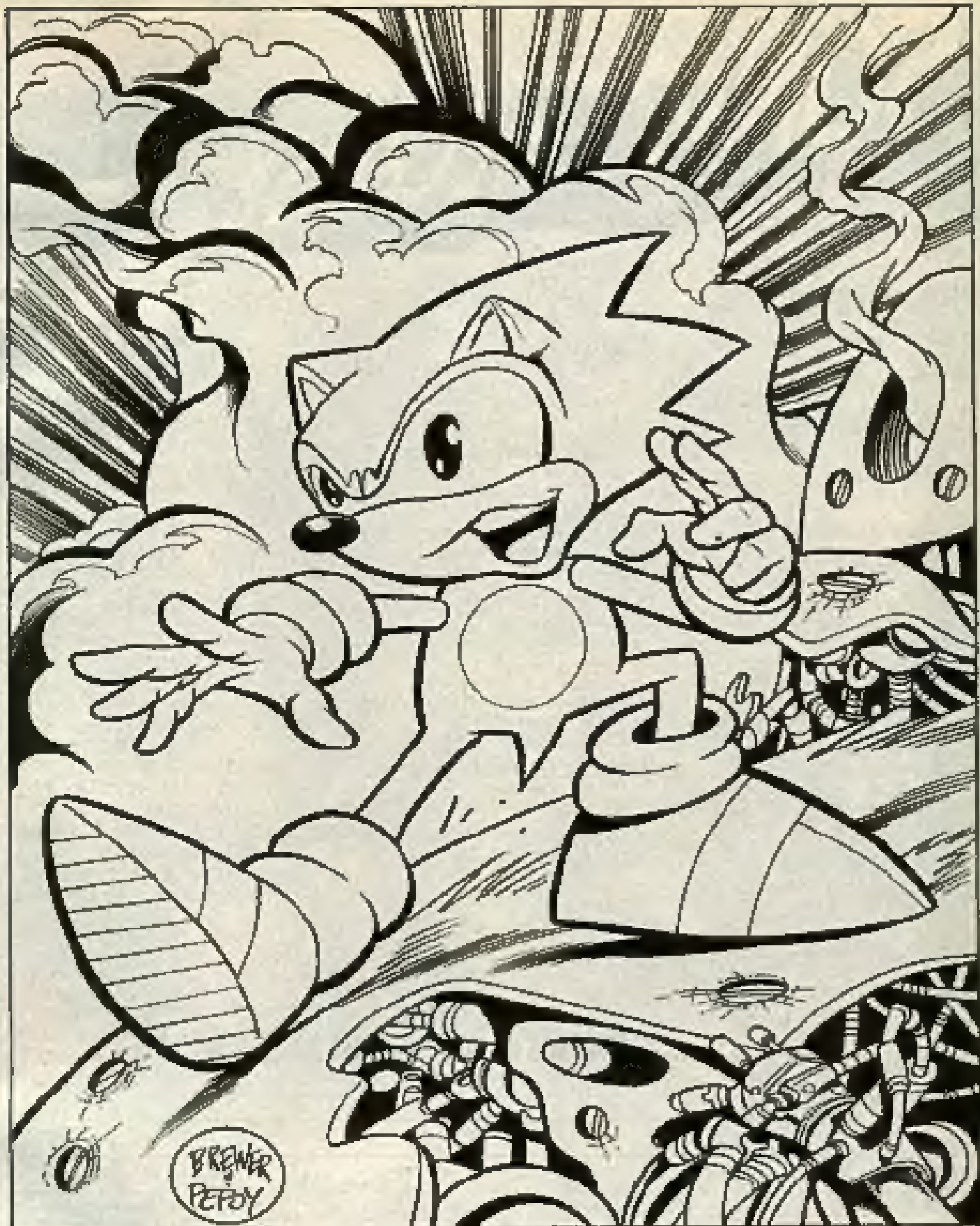


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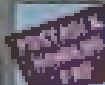
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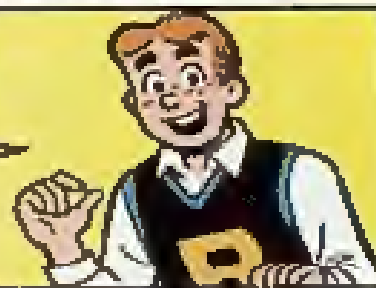
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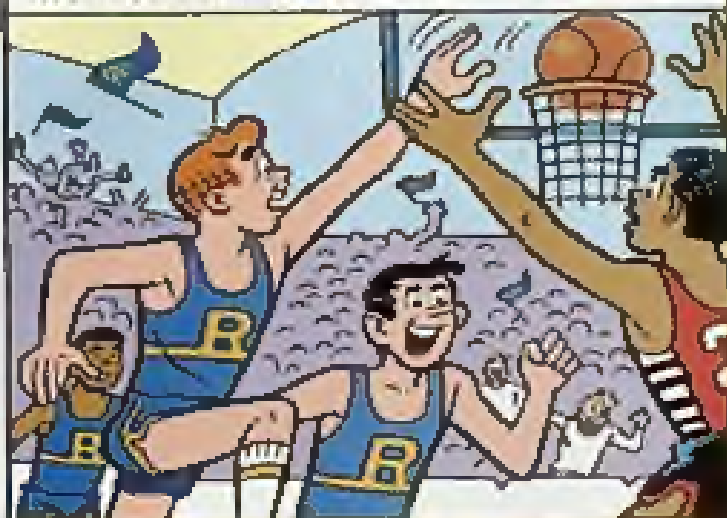
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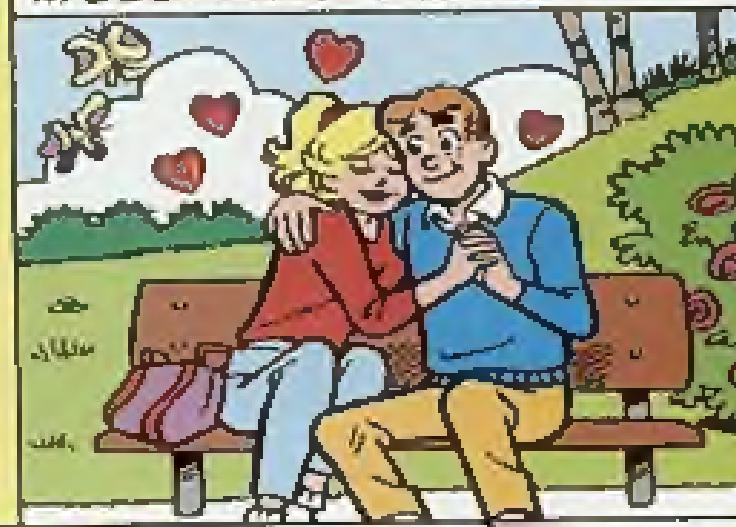


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